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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN TREATMENT OF SOVIET NATIONAL DAY

1. TRADITIONAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM CEAUSESCU-MANESCU TO SOVIET TROIKA ON OCCASION OF SOVIET OCTOBER REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY IS CONSPICUOUSLY COOLER THAN LAST YEAR, ALTHOUGH OTHER PROTOCOL ASPECTS OF GOR'S FETING OF SOVIETS, I.E., FESTIVE SPEECHES AND RECEPTION ATTENDANCE, ARE ON PAR WITH 1974.

2. MOST CONSPICUOUS CHANGE IN THIS YEAR'S ROMANIAN MESSAGE IS ABSENCE OF KEY-WORD "FRATERNAL". LAST YEAR'S TELEGRAM TRANSMITTED "CORDIAL AND FRATERNAL GREETINGS, WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES", WHICH THIS YEAR IS REDUCED TO "CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES". ALSO THE 1974 PHRASE ABOUT "TRADITIONAL RELATIONS OF FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN TWO PEOPLES BECOMES SIMPLY "FRIENDLY RELATIONS". NOWHERE IN TELEGRAM IS THE
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SOVIET UNION REFERRED TO AS THE "FIRST" STATE OF WORKERS AND

PEASANTS (AS IT WAS LAST YEAR), AND IN FACT THE REFERENCE TO PEASANTS IS ALSO DROPPED, WITH ONLY "WORKING MASSES" BEING CITED.

3. FINALLY, IN A MOVE SURE TO IRRITATE THE KREMLIN, THE TELEGRAM PLACES ROMANIA AND SOVIETS ON EQUAL PLANE AS REGARDS THE "CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONTRIBUTIONS" THEY CAN BRING TO SOLVING CONTEMPORARY

(WORLD) PROBLEMS AND TO FURTHERING OF DETENTE. (PREVIOUS REPORTS HAVE INDICATED SOVIETS INSIST ON CLAIMING MOST OF CREDIT FOR DETENTE IN ECPC THROUGH CPSU PEACE POLICY AND COHESION OF SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH.) AS IN LAST YEAR'S MESSAGE, BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE SAID TO BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF MARXIST-LENINISM AND SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM, THE LATTER TERM USED INTERCHANGEABLY BY THE ROMANIANS WITH PROLETERIAN INTERNATIONALISM, BUT NOT IN CONTRADICTION WITH IT. WHILE THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT ARE NOT CITED THIS YEAR, THEY CAN BE CONSIDERED TO COME UNDER THE "ENGAGEMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY STATES IN THE HELSINKI DOCUMENT" WHICH IS EXPLICITLY MENTIONED.

4. COMMENT: ROMANIAN MESSAGE STRIKES US AS COOLER THAN ANY NATIONAL-DAY TELEGRAM SENT TO OTHER EAST EUROPEAN LEADERSHIPS BY GOR THIS YEAR, ALL OF WHICH INCLUDED AT LEAST THE WORD "FRATERNAL". WE TAKE IT AS FURTHER INDICATION, TOGETHER WITH REPORTED CANCELLATION OF IONITA VISIT TO SOVIET UNION AND MOVEMENT OF NUMEROUS DELEGATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND NKINA, OF SOME TENSION IN GOR-SOVIET RELATIONS HEADING INTO EVENT-FILLED NEXT FEW MONTHS FEATURING CEMA SUMMIT, ECPC AND SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS. VIETS

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